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Dear Respondent,

The Energy Information Administration (EIA), in support of the Office of General Counsel (GC), is conducting its survey of spent nuclear fuel data, collecting data on discharges, inventories, storage capacities, etc. The Form GC-859, "Nuclear Fuel Data" survey will be used to collect information from all operators of commercial nuclear reactors and owners of spent nuclear fuel. The current survey will collect data reflecting conditions on June 30, 2013. The previous Form RW-859 survey collected data reflected conditions on December 31, 2002. The current survey, therefore, will cover a period of 10 plus years.

As part of its continuing effort to reduce both paperwork and respondent burden, the EIA has redesigned the old Form RW-859, "Nuclear Fuel Data" survey. The redesigned form, titled the Form GC-859 "Nuclear Fuel Data" survey, will collect only those data elements determined to be essential. Information collected on this form will be used to design and operate a system for disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste generated by commercial nuclear utilities in the United States. Response to this data collection is mandatory pursuant to sections 15 USC 772(b) and 15 USC 764(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974. Article IV, Section A.1.(a) of the Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste requires the submission of Appendix B of the Standard Contract on an annual basis. A letter sent to all Contract holders in 1988 obviated the requirement of filing Appendix B by stating that timely submission of Form RW-859 (now the Form GC-859) will now satisfy the requirement of filing Appendix B. The data collected on this form is not considered confidential.

The following items are enclosed:

- Blank hard copy of the Form GC-859 Survey
- Instructions for filling out the form (general instructions are in Appendix A, pages A1 – A2; specific instructions pertaining to each section of the survey form are now included within the schedules.
- System Installation Operations and Data Entry Manual
- A DVD containing all of the data for each of your reactors, with the data representing conditions as of December 31, 2002. The DVD also contains the Form GC-859 software.
- A copy of the 1988 letter to Standard Contract holders informing them that submission of the Form RW-859 satisfies the requirement to submit Appendix B.

Note that the Form GC-859 Data Collection System contained on the DVD was developed in Microsoft Access. Though developed in Access, it has been designed to look and act like Microsoft Excel. The system is a self-contained system, so no software other than Microsoft Office is required. Please review and update the data previously submitted, which is included on the enclosed DVD, to reflect any changes in this data to correctly represent its condition on June 30, 2013. Also, please provide data on fuel discharged since December 31, 2002, again reflecting its status as of June 30, 2013. In addition, please provide the additional data requested. Note that data may be submitted in any readily available format in lieu of filling out certain sections of the survey form.

We request that the completed form be submitted by September 30, 2013. Please contact the following EIA representatives if you will experience difficulty in meeting the requested due date.

If you have any questions, please call Marta Gospodarczyk at (202) 586-0527 or Jack Thorpe at (202) 586-0768.

Sincerely,

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